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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN DELEGATION TO ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

1. MEDIA ANNOUNCED IN VERY LOW KEY MARCH 14 THAT INFORMATION MINISTER AHMED TALEB IBRAHIMI HAD GONE TO CAIRO TO HEAD ALGERIAN DELEGATION AT 65TH MEETING OF ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS. OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE: FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ADJALI, ARAB LEAGUE DIVISION CHIEF IN FOREIGN MINISTRY BENKACI, AND ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE DIRECTOR BRAHIMI.

2. PRESS NOTES THAT ARAB LEAGUE SECY GEN RIAD WILL REPORT ON HIS SAHARA "MEDIATION" (PRESS PUT WORD MEDIATION IN QUOTES) AND THAT EURO-AND AFRO-ARAB DIALOGUES AND DJIBOUTI WILL BE DISCUSSED. RADIO NEWS MARCH 15 SAYS SAHARA QUESTION HAS BEEN PLACED ON MEETING'S AGENDA.

3. OFFICIAL EDITORIAL SAME DATE EQUATES MOROCCAN ACTION IN SAHARA WITH KING HUSSEIN'S MOVE AGAINST
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PALESTINIANS IN SEPTEMBER, 1971. BOTH ACTIONS,

EDITORIAL ASSERTS, SERVE IMPERIALIST TACTIC IN SETTING
ARAB AGAINST ARAB. IT IS UP TO ARAB LEAGUE, PIECE
CONCLUDES, TO RECOGNIZE SAHRAOUI AS ARAB PEOPLE AND
TO FIND JUST SOLUTION WHICH WILL STOP GENOCIDE IN
REGION.

4. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA'S NON-
ATTENDANCE AT MEETING SUGGESTS ALGERIANS EXPECT TO
GAIN LITTLE ON SAHARA FRONT. PARKER

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